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Dear parent/carer/guardian,

Golden Square Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Golden Square Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. *Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.*

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- Provide high-quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Integrated Studies (includes Science and Humanities), Visual Arts, Performing Arts (includes Music, Drama and Dance), Health and Physical Education, Literature in the Library, Digital Technology, and Chinese)*
- Maintain and develop the school grounds and buildings*
- Provide up-to-date digital tools and infrastructure*
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies which support families in our community*
- Participation in the Dogs Connect Program*

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Yours faithfully,

Leanne Miller
Principal

Lisa Castles
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions Grade 3 - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20.00) • Mathematics – concrete materials (\$15) • English – take home readers, classroom books, book boxes (\$20) • Sports – equipment (\$15.00)	\$ 70
ICT devices	\$ 50
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 130

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Cultural Inclusiveness – supporting us to recognise and celebrate our cultural diversity.	\$20
Student wellbeing supports	\$20
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Library	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$80

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Golden Square Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year. An estimated cost range has been provided to assist you with budgeting for this extra-curricular item or activity. Paying by instalments in the lead up to an event can be discussed and arranged dependent on the item or activity and the provider's conditions attached to this. Please contact Leanne Miller (Principal) or Jo Jacobs (Business Manager) to discuss.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
There is no charge for the additional swimming program days in 2026 due to additional funding received from the Department covering this expense for families. Other costs associated with excursions or incursions that arise throughout the year will be communicated in the timeliest manner possible. We do provide the following estimated range/cost for known excursions and camps: • Gymnastics program - \$45 to \$60 • Excursion - \$50 to \$65 • Grade 3/4 Campaspe Downs - \$420 to \$440 • Local sporting events - \$15 per event	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Education Plus* for your child to individually own and use.

You will also find instructions on how to place this order, when it must be placed by, and the date you may collect these purchased items from the school with this list of items.

Financial Support for Families

Golden Square Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jo Jacobs (Business Manager) or Leanne Miller (Principal) either by phone on Ph: 03 5443 6877 or via email at Joanne.Jacobs@education.vic.gov.au or Leanne.Miller@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 130
Other Contributions	\$ 80
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total	\$ 210 (plus extra curric. items and activities)

Payment methods

Payments can be made using any of the following methods:

- Payment in person by cash or card at the front office
- Payment when you are ordering your school booklist items from Education Plus
- Electronic payment via Compass portal
- Electronic payment by direct credit to the following account:

Account Name: Golden Square Primary School
BSB Number: 063-093
Account Number: 1000 1872

**Please check
bank account
details match.**

Please indicate in the reference section whether the payment is for Curriculum Contributions and/or Other Contributions. If a receipt is required, then also ensure name of child is included so this can be provided.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

